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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL
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SUBJ: CALL ON KOREAN CHARGE TO DISCUSS LAO POLITICAL SITUATION

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B) SEOUL 3256 (NOTAL)

1. AS REQUESTED REF B, EMBOFF CALLED MAY \$ # ON
KOREAN CHARGE KOO WOOK CHUNG TO DISCUSS RECENT POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS. CHUNG CLEARLY APPRECIATED VISIT. HE
SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS MAY 8 TO EVACUATE ALL
KOREAN DEPENDENTS FROM VIENTIANE AND NOTED THAT HIS WIFE
AND THREE CHILDREN WOULD DEPART LAOS FOR SEOUL MAY 16
ALONG WITH WIFE OF HIS ONLY OTHER STAFF MEMBER, THIRD
SECRETARY KWANG OONG LEE.

2. EMBOFF AND KOREAN CHARGE DISCUSSED POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS
OF RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN VIENTIANE AS WELL AS MILITARY
MOVES IN MILITARY REGIONS II AND V. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY DECISION TO EVACUATE 24 PERSONS (MOSTLY
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EMBASSY DEPENDENTS) FROM VIENTIANE TO BANGKOK ON MAY 9.

EMBOFF NOTED THAT WE AND ALL OTHER MISSIONS IN TOWN WERE HOLDING FIRM ON ANY EVACUATION PLANS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT, DESPITE LIKELY SHIFT TO LEFT, LAO COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION MORE OR LESS AS IN THE PAST. CHUNG MENTIONED IN PASSING HE MIGHT ASK PERMISSION FROM SEOUL FOR DEPENDENTS TO GO TEMPORARILY TO BANGKOK TO SEE IF DUST SETTLES IN HOPE THE CAN RETURN TO VIENTIANE AT LATER DATE.

3. EMBOFF ASSURED CHUNG WE WOULD ASSIST ROK EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY EVACUATION OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS FROM VIENTIANE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION, MENTIONING THAT SEVERAL KOREAN DIPLOMATS HAD BEEN "LEFT BEHIND" IN SAIGON. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH AS SITUATION HERE UNFOLDS.

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